Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2007

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended August 18, 2007, there were 504,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during August 2007, a decrease of 4,100 from July 2007 but 3,000 more than the number employed in August 2006.

Agricultural employment was 46,900 persons in August 2007, down 1,200 from the July 2007 level and 4,300 less than the August 2006 agricultural employment level of 51,200. Non-agricultural employment was 457,600 persons in August 2007. This is a decrease of 2,900 from the July 2007 non-agriculture employment level of 460,500 but 7,300 more than August 2006.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2007 was 5.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the July 2007 rate of 4.8 percent but 0.3 percentage points lower than the August 2006 level of 5.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 400 to 534,100 persons in August 2007 from 534,500 persons in July 2007. This is 2,000 more than the August 2006 labour force of 532,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 71.0 percent in August 2007 from 71.2 percent in July 2007. The August 2006 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 71.3 percent.

There were 29,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2007. This is an increase of 3,800 from July 2007 but is 1,000 less than the number unemployed in August 2006.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 495,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2007, down 1,300 from the July 2007 level of 496,800 but is up 4,000 from the August 2006 employment level of 491,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2007 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the July 2007 rate of 4.8 percent but 0.4 percentage points lower than the August 2006 rate of 5.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 41,200 persons in August 2007 to 17,173,500 persons from 17,214,700 persons in July 2007. In August 2006, there were 16,792,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 6.4 percent from the July 2007 level of 6.2 percent. In August 2006, Canada's unemployment rate 6.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.0 percent in August 2007. This is unchanged from July 2007 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the August 2006 level of 6.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,342.9	18,352.0	18,023.7	-9.1	319.2
Employed ('000)	17,173.5	17,214.7	16,792.0	-41.2	381.5
Full-Time ('000)	14,523.1	14,525.2	14,240.3	-2.1	282.8
Part-Time ('000)	2,650.4	2,689.6	2,551.7	-39.2	98.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,169.3	1,137.3	1,231.6	32.0	-62.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.2	6.8	0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.0	6.4	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.1	68.7	-0.1	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	534.1	534.5	532.1	-0.4	2.0
Employed ('000)	504.5	508.6	501.5	-4.1	3.0
Full-Time ('000)	430.5	429.4	428.8	1.1	1.7
Part-Time ('000)	74.0	79.3	72.7	-5.3	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.6	25.8	30.6	3.8	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.8	5.8	0.7	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	4.8	5.3	0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.2	71.3	-0.2	-0.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,076.6	2,070.8	1,996.0	5.8	80.6
Employed ('000)	1,995.0	2,000.4	1,906.2	-5.4	88.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,734.8	1,733.3	1,649.7	1.5	85.1
Part-Time ('000)	260.2	267.2	256.5	-7.0	3.7
Unemployed ('000)	81.6	70.4	89.8	11.2	-8.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.4	4.5	0.5	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.5	3.3	4.1	0.2	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	75.4	75.3	75.3	0.1	0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	634.6	630.1	628.0	4.5	6.6
Employed ('000)	603.3	603.1	595.1	0.2	8.2
Full-Time ('000)	505.4	503.5	492.7	1.9	12.7
Part-Time ('000)	98.0	99.7	102.4	-1.7	-4.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.3	27.0	33.0	4.3	-1.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.3	5.3	0.6	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.1	70.3	0.4	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	534.1	534.5	532.1	-0.4	2.0
Male	289.2	290.9	284.5	-1.7	4.7
Female	244.9	243.5	247.6	1.4	-2.7
15-24 Years of Age	107.7	111.0	111.8	-3.3	-4.1
25+ Years of age	426.4	423.5	420.3	2.9	6.1
EMPLOYED ('000)	504.5	508.6	501.5	-4.1	3.0
Male	277.5	278.7	270.8	-1.2	6.7
Female	227.1	230.0	230.7	-2.9	-3.6
15-24 Years of Age	100.0	102.2	103.5	-2.2	-3.5
25+ Years of age	404.5	406.4	398.1	-1.9	6.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	29.6	25.8	30.6	3.8	-1.0
Male	11.8	12.3	13.7	-0.5	-1.9
Female	17.8	13.6	16.9	4.2	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	7.7	8.8	8.4	-1.1	-0.7
25+ Years of age	21.9	17.1	22.2	4.8	-0.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.5	4.8	5.8	0.7	-0.3
Male	4.1	4.2	4.8	-0.1	-0.7
Female	7.3	5.6	6.8	1.7	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	7.1	7.9	7.5	-0.8	-0.4
25+ Years of age	5.1	4.0	5.3	1.1	-0.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	71.0	71.2	71.3	-0.2	-0.3
	77.9	78.5	77.3	-0.6	0.6
Female	64.3	64.0	65.5	0.3	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	78.2	80.7	81.1	-2.5	-2.9
25+ Years of age	69.4	69.0	69.1	0.4	0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	46.9	48.1	51.2	-1.2	-4.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	21.5	21.7	22.6	-0.2	-1.1
Utilities	4.5	4.3	5.0	0.2	-0.5
Construction	37.4	34.7	32.2	2.7	5.2
Manufacturing	34.2	32.9	30.7	1.3	3.5
Trade	81.5	80.6	78.9	0.9	2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	24.4	25.6	24.9	-1.2	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.3	25.5	26.2	1.8	1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.0	20.7	20.1	-0.7	-0.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.8	13.3	13.6	-0.5	-0.8
Educational Services	30.3	32.4	29.6	-2.1	0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	60.8	62.3	59.2	-1.5	1.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.2	22.7	23.7	-0.5	-1.5
Accommodation and Food Services	29.3	31.3	30.5	-2.0	-1.2
Other Services	21.8	23.3	23.5	-1.5	-1.7
Public Administration	29.4	29.3	29.7	0.1	-0.3
Total	504.5	508.6	501.5	-4.1	3.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	430.5	429.4	428.8	1.1	1.7
Part-Time	74.0	79.3	72.7	-5.3	1.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	412.3	412.1	403.5	0.2	8.8
Public Sector	118.1	119.6	116.3	-1.5	1.8
Private Sector	294.2	292.5	287.2	1.7	7.0
Self-Employed	92.2	96.5	98.0	-4.3	-5.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2007	July 2007	August 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,173.5	17,214.7	16,792.0	-41.2	381.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.9	236.5	230.3	-5.6	0.6
Prince Edward Island	75.1	73.6	74.5	1.5	0.6
Nova Scotia	456.6	457.6	453.6	-1.0	3.0
New Brunswick	378.8	380.1	366.8	-1.3	12.0
Quebec	3,938.8	3,978.8	3,843.5	-40.0	95.3
Ontario	6,699.2	6,688.3	6,598.2	10.9	101.0
Manitoba	603.3	603.1	595.1	0.2	8.2
Saskatchewan	504.5	508.6	501.5	-4.1	3.0
Alberta	1,995.0	2,000.4	1,906.2	-5.4	88.8
British Columbia	2,291.3	2,287.6	2,222.3	3.7	69.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.4	6.2	6.8	0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.8	11.0	13.8	1.8	-1.0
Prince Edward Island	7.9	9.0	8.4	-1.1	-0.5
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.5	7.8	-0.1	0.6
New Brunswick	7.9	7.1	8.8	0.8	-0.9
Quebec	7.0	6.4	7.8	0.6	-0.8
Ontario	7.0	7.3	7.1	-0.3	-0.1
Manitoba	4.9	4.3	5.3	0.6	-0.4
Saskatchewan	5.5	4.8	5.8	0.7	-0.3
Alberta	3.9	3.4	4.5	0.5	-0.6
British Columbia	4.5	4.4	5.4	0.1	-0.9

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jun-Aug 2007	May-Jul 2007	Jun-Aug 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.6	6.8	8.3	-0.2	-1.7
Halifax	6.2	6.3	5.0	-0.1	1.2
Saint John	5.2	5.4	7.3	-0.2	-2.1
Quebec	4.2	4.1	4.4	0.1	-0.2
Montreal	6.9	6.5	8.2	0.4	-1.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.7	5.7	5.2	0.0	0.5
Greater Sudbury	6.3	6.3	7.4	0.0	-1.1
Toronto	7.7	7.5	7.1	0.2	0.6
Winnipeg	4.4	4.4	4.6	0.0	-0.2
Regina	6.2	6.0	4.9	0.2	1.3
Saskatoon	4.8	4.3	4.9	0.5	-0.1
Calgary	3.2	3.3	3.5	-0.1	-0.3
Edmonton	4.1	4.1	4.4	0.0	-0.3
Vancouver	4.2	4.3	4.5	-0.1	-0.3
Victoria	4.1	3.4	3.5	0.7	0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	147.5	148.2	150.4	-0.7	-2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.7	54.6	55.6	0.1	-0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	167.8	167.4	160.0	0.4	7.8
Yorkton-Melville	42.5	42.9	41.1	-0.4	1.4
Prince Albert & Northern	95.1	96.0	96.1	-0.9	-1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jun-Aug 2007	May-Jul 2007	Jun-Aug 2006	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	532.0	531.3	527.3	0.7	4.7
Employed ('000)	506.4	507.8	501.1	-1.4	5.3
Unemployed ('000)	25.6	23.4	26.2	2.2	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.4	5.0	0.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	70.8	70.7	0.0	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.7	67.2	-0.3	0.2
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	492.9	491.6	488.2	1.3	4.7
Employed ('000)	473.0	473.9	467.5	-0.9	5.5
Unemployed ('000)	19.9	17.7	20.7	2.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	3.6	4.2	0.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	71.2	71.0	0.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	68.6	68.0	-0.2	0.4
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	39.2	39.6	39.0	-0.4	0.2
Employed ('000)	33.4	33.9	33.6	-0.5	-0.2
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.7	5.5	0.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	14.4	14.0	0.2	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	66.3	66.5	-0.9	-1.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.8	56.7	57.2	-0.9	-1.4
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.6	16.6	16.1	0.0	0.5
Employed ('000)	13.4	13.2	12.5	0.2	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.4	3.6	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.9	20.3	22.3	-1.4	-3.4
Participation Rate (%)	61.0	61.1	60.4	-0.1	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	49.5	48.7	47.0	0.8	2.5
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Labour Force ('000)	22.5	23.0	22.9	-0.5	-0.4
Employed ('000)	20.0	20.6	21.0	-0.6	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.3	1.9	0.3	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	10.2	8.1	1.3	3.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	70.5	71.5	-1.5	-2.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	63.4	65.7	-2.3	-4.6

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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